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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF RFE AND RL

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1. IN FURTHER SUPPORT OF DEMARCHES REPORTED REFTELS, AMBASSADOR RAISED RFE/RL WITH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN ELSLANDE IN CONVERSATION (REPORTED SEPARATELY) JUNE 12. MINISTER, UNFAMILIAR WITH SUBJECT, EXPRESSED INTEREST AND ASKED TO SEE TALKING POINTS HANDED TO DAVIGNON BY AMBASSADOR ON EARLIER OCCASION (BRUSSELS 3175).

2. EMBOFF ALSO DISCUSSED SUBJECT AGAIN WITH NATO AFFAIRS DIRECTOR DEVER AND WITH EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AFFAIRS DIRECTOR RAEYMAEKERS, WHO IN CAPACITY OF BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVE ON EC NINE "GROUPE DES CORRESPONDENTS" WAS TO DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH EC OPPOSITE NUMBERS IN COPENHAGEN JULY 13. DEVER TOOK RATHER PESSIMISTIC ATTITUDE, NOTING THAT WHILE BELGIAN FONMINISTRY WAS IN PRINCIPLE DISPOSED TO SUPPORT RFE/RL THE BUDGET OUTLOOK WAS NOT BRIGHT, PARTICULARLY IF IT HAD TO BE TAKEN TO PARLIAMENT. SHE FAVORED CONCEPT OF PARTICIPATING BY SUBSCRIPTION TO RESEARCH SERVICE, BUT DID NOT SEE HOW THIS WOULD MEET FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT WE HAVE PROPOSED. IN ABSENCE OF FURTHER DETAIL, SHE SAID RAEYMAEKERS WOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO DO NO MORE THAN LISTEN AT THE COPENHAGEN MEETING.

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3. FOLLOWING BUELL-BARTHOLMEY JULY 12 TELCON, EMBOFF CALLED
DEVER TO URGE THAT SUBSCRIPTION FEE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS
SUPPORTING CONTRIBUTION BUT THAT MAJOR PART OF EUROPEAN FUNDING
SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH MULTILATERAL ENTITY WHICH WE HOPED
EUROPEANS WOULD DEVELOP. EMBOFF SAID RFE/RL BUDGET, OF
WHICH WE WERE ASKING EUROPE TO ASSUME ONLY A SMALL FRACTION,
WAS HAVING HEAVY SLEDDING IN CONGRESS. UNLESS WESTERN
EUROPE SHOWED SUFFICIENT INTEREST BY SHOULDERING SOME OF FINANCIAL
BURDEN, FUTURE OF THESE STATIONS, WHICH PLAYED SUCH A VITAL
ROLE IN THE FURTHERING OF HUMAN CONTACT BETWEEN EAST AND WEST,
WAS IN GRAVE DOUBT. DEVER SAID SHE WOULD PASS THIS TO
RAEYMAEKERS. STRAUZ-HUPE

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